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Hongkong, November 16, 1909. 1424

**ORGAN RECITAL.**

The third recital of the season will be  
given at St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday  
evening, the 4th proximo, at 6.30 p.m. Mr  
Dennan Fuller has arranged another very  
interesting programme.

**FREEMASONRY.**

New D.G.M. for Hongkong and  
South China.

Heartiest congratulations are being showered  
on Rt. Wor. Bro. T. F. Hough from every  
side, but more particularly in Masonic  
circles, on his appointment to succeed Sir  
Paul Chater, C.M.G., as District Grand  
Master of Hongkong and South China. To  
any one who has had the privilege of  
working under Rt. Wor. Bro. Hough the  
promotion to this high office comes with  
appropriate distinction. He has laboured  
well and worthily under Sir Paul Chater,  
who has held the office for over thirty years  
—and of late had relieved the D.G.M. of the  
most arduous of his responsibilities. It  
is superfluous at this hour to dilate on Mr  
Hough's many civic and public activities or  
of the regard that is entertained for him  
throughout the Colony. Suffice it to say,  
the Duke of Connaught could not as Grand  
Master of English Freemasonry, have made  
a happier choice, nor have promoted a more  
worthy Mason.

A delightful ceremony took place at  
the Comedie Francaise, Paris, when Sir  
John Hare handed over to that theatre Mr  
Gilbert Bayes' memorial to Constant  
Coquelin on behalf of all the leading actors  
and actresses of England.

An enormous number of signatures  
have been received for the petition which  
the Cyclists' Touring Club and the National  
Cyclists' Union are placing before Parlia-  
ment, at the C.T.C.'s office at the Stanley  
Show. The petition is for a reduction in  
the railway charges for the conveyance of  
passenger's bicycles.

The Nicaraguan Congress has named  
Dr. Jose Madriz president of the republic  
in place of Gen. Zelaya, the deposed ruler.  
The trouble is not yet over in Nicaragua.  
The latest dispatches from Managua tell of  
fierce fighting at Rivas between the troops  
of Zelaya and the army of the revolution.  
The steamer "City of Paris," which has  
arrived at San Francisco, from Nicaragua,  
recently reported that ex-President Zelaya  
had forty citizens of Corinto shot recently  
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Hongkong, August 1909. 33

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## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

## Auctions.

10 a.m.—Auction of Naval and Victualling  
Stores at H.M. Naval Establishments.

11 a.m.—Auction of Old Rope, Steel,  
&c. at Norddeutscher Lloyd's Godown,  
Kennedy Road.

## Amusements.

9 p.m.—The Best People, by Band-  
man Comedy Co., at Theatre Royal.

## General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, December 29.—  
9 p.m.—"Facing the Music," by Band-  
man Comedy Co., at Theatre Royal.

THURSDAY, December 30.—  
2 a.m.—Auction of the *Rio Linda*, on  
board, at Kowloon Dock, Hongkong.  
3 p.m.—Meeting of China Light and  
Power Co.  
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of St. George's Club.  
9 p.m.—A Fair of Spectacles, by Band-  
man Comedy Co., at Theatre Royal.

FRIDAY, January 1.—  
Last day of Exhibition of Chinese Litera-  
ture at X.M.C.A. Rooms, Queen's Rd.

SATURDAY, January 2.—  
Public Holiday.  
Banks and Insurance Offices Close.  
Supreme Court Xmas Vacation ends.  
4.15 p.m.—Children's Sports at Kowloon  
Cricket Club.  
6.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's  
Cathedral.

SUNDAY, January 3.—  
Public Holiday.  
Banks and Insurance Offices Close.

MONDAY, January 4.—  
Public Holiday.  
Banks and Insurance Offices Close.

TUESDAY, January 5.—  
9 p.m.—Philharmonic Concert.

WEDNESDAY, January 6.—  
9 p.m.—Scotch Concert in Theatre Royal.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1909.

## THE ARMY AND FOREIGN

## LANGUAGES.

"The reproach that English military  
officers, outside of course the Indian  
service, know only one language, and  
that their own, is steadily being eli-  
minated from the record. Like their  
brother officers in the Senior service  
the gentlemen who don the King's  
uniform and hold his commission  
have advanced rapidly to meet the  
needs of the times, and the num-  
ber of military men who are now  
qualified in various languages is  
really very considerable. This is only  
as it should be, we admit, in an Army  
such as ours which sees service  
practically in every quarter of the  
globe, but it is only of late years  
that the Authorities in Pall Mall  
have given distinct encouragement  
to officers to pursue linguistic  
studies. The present Minister of War,  
Hon. R. B. HALDANE, has manifested  
considerable interest along this parti-  
cular line and as a consequence new  
regulations have been issued which  
should materially help towards raising  
the linguistic abilities of the army.

We gather from the *United Services  
Gazette* that the new regulations provide  
that a sum of money will be placed  
annually at the disposal of general  
officers commanding-in-chief at certain  
military centres to provide for the  
instruction of officers in French and  
German. The object of this instru-  
ction will be (a) to enable officers to  
acquire sufficient knowledge for the  
study of military works in these lan-  
guages, and (b) to assist officers in master-  
ing the rudiments of the languages for

use proceeding abroad for the purpose  
of further study. The amount allotted  
for 1910 will be as follows:—Alders-  
brook, £100; Eastern Command, £100;  
Lebanon Command, £100; Southern Com-  
mand, £100; Gibraltar, £70; and  
Malta, £50. The money so allotted is  
to be expended either in the formation  
of classes under suitable instructors or  
in subsidising teachers with a view to  
individual officers being enabled to  
obtain tuition at special rates. Officers  
are to be encouraged to visit foreign  
countries on leave for language study,  
and will, with the sanction of general  
officers commanding, be granted all or a  
portion of the leave for which an  
officer is ordinarily eligible, in addition  
to language leave.

The scale of grants which may be  
earned by officers who qualify as 1st  
Class Interpreters after January 1,  
1910, will be as follows:—French,  
£24; German, £30; and Italian,  
Spanish, Dutch, Danish, Norwegian,  
Swedish, Modern Greek, Portuguese,  
Rumanian, Hungarian, Bulgarian,  
Czech, and Serbo-Croatian, £30 each.  
The highest grant, £30, is awarded for  
Russian. Officers who qualify as 2nd  
Class Interpreters under the same con-  
ditions after January 1, 1910, will  
receive one-half of the above sum.

For qualifying as a 1st Class Interpreter  
in Arabic, Turkish, Persian or  
Anharic (Abyssinian), the reward will  
be £120, and as a 2nd Class Interpreter  
£60. For a 1st Class Interpretership  
in Cape Dutch the grant is to be £30,  
and £15 for a 2nd Class Interpreter-  
ship.

Special regulations, says our contem-  
porary, are laid down for the study of  
Russian, Chinese, Japanese and Can-  
tonese, which provide for a limited  
number of officers being selected for a  
year's course of study and residence in

Russia, and for a two years' course of  
study and residence in China and  
Japan. In the case of the latter two  
countries the selected officers will  
receive, in addition to the ordinary pay  
of their rank, a consolidated allowance  
of £150 per annum, payable quarterly  
in arrears, while in the country. They  
will also receive a reward of £100 on  
passing and obtaining 75 of the total  
marks for the examination held at the  
end of 12 months' residence in the  
country, and a further reward of £75  
on passing and obtaining 75 of the  
total marks in the final examinations.

Considered as a whole the new regu-  
lations, in the opinion of the *United  
Services Gazette*, are of a liberal char-  
acter, and should certainly conduce to  
the encouragement of linguistic studies  
among officers of the British Army.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Commodore and Mrs. Lyon gave a very  
large dinner party on board the *Tamar* on  
Christmas night.

The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai has been appointed  
a member of the Medical Board for a fur-  
ther term of three years.

His Excellency the Governor has been  
pleased to appoint Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher  
to be Registrar of Trade Marks with effect  
from January 1, 1910.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Ingham, central  
Secretary of the C.M.S., left Hongkong by  
the English Mail on Saturday, bound for  
the Straits and India.

His Excellency the Governor has been  
pleased to appoint Mr. E. Jones to act as  
Assistant Harbour Master and Mr. A. E.  
Dovey to act as first Boarding Officer.

Several sportsmen took occasion of the  
holidays to organise shooting parties in  
the New Territory while some, more  
adventurous, went farther afield. They  
were favoured with glorious weather.

Among the late converts to aviation is  
the Rev. Sydney Swann, vicar of Crosby,  
Ravenhill, Westmoreland, who for some  
years was English chaplain at Kobe and  
while there a noted aviator. Mr. Swann  
is on the list of competitors for Sir William  
Hardy's prize for the first flight from  
Liverpool to Manchester. He has a monoplane,  
a modification of that of Santos  
Dumont, with an engine of 40 horse-power,  
and is making daily trials at Alderley.

## WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS OF COUGHS.

Do not allow cough to develop. Coughs  
begin in the throat, and if not checked  
soon they will spread to the lungs, and  
become a serious danger. Watch for the  
first signs of a cough, which is usually  
accompanied by a hoarse voice, and give  
it promptly. It should always be kept  
in the home where there are young  
children. For sale by all chemists and  
grocers.

## THE RAILWAY TOANS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

Paris, December 26.

During the trouble which have arisen  
in connection with the Paris-Lyon  
railway loan, Sir Shi Chang, Presi-  
dent of Communications, has sug-  
gested that a Minister be appointed to  
expedite deal with the matter.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Lawrence's famous portrait of Wellington  
was sold at Messrs. Robinson and  
Fisher's rooms for 2,000 guineas.

The scale of charges for medical treat-  
ment at the Government Civil Hospitals  
and Asylums are published in the *Gazette*.

The name of Mr. Lau Lai has been  
added to the list of Chinese medical pro-  
fessors trained in western medical science.

According to Lloyd's Register eighty-  
eight vessels, aggregating 108,533 tons,  
which seven vessels were built, have  
been lost or condemned since June 30.

The Shanghai Dock and Engineering  
Co., Ltd., has declared an interim dividend  
of 2 1/2 per cent., payable on January 6th  
for the half-year ended October 31.

"There are ten in the family, and my  
husband earned 3s. last week, and some-  
times he earns nothing," said the wife of a  
judgment debtor at Shoreditch County  
Court.

Apparently the Chinese spent the  
Christmas very quietly and temperately  
for there were extremely few cases to be  
dealt with by the Magistrates at the  
Magistracy this morning.

Judging by the meteorological tables  
issued by the Hongkong Observatory,  
Japan and North China must have had a  
spell of very bitter weather at Christmas  
time. At Shanghai the thermometer  
also was very low, with a high range of  
barometer.

It came to a "scrap," said the Mayor  
of Fulham, Mr. H. G. Norris, to a deputa-  
tion of unemployed who threatened to  
obtain their aims, "whether by orderly or  
disorderly means," he would have no hesi-  
tation in taking part against any disturber  
in the council chamber gallery.

Ten days ago a native was banished  
from the Colony, but yesterday he returned,  
only, however, to be quickly discovered.  
At the Magistracy to-day he was sentenced  
to six months' imprisonment and six hours'  
stocks. He told the Court that he was  
only passing through the Colony on his way  
to Singapore.

An old "boy" employed by Mr. H. P.  
White sold in order book on Messrs. Lane,  
Crawford and Co. Ltd., in October, and on  
November 29th forged an order for goods  
to the value of £50. At the Magistracy  
to-day he was sent to prison for three  
months with hard labour.

On Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs.  
Piercy were the recipients of a beautiful  
silver salver and cheque from a number  
of "old boys" of the Diocesan School.  
The presentation was made by the Rev. F.  
T. Johnson, M.A. who in a speech reviewed  
the success of the work of Mr. Piercy since  
his arrival in 1878. Mr. Piercy made a  
suitable reply charged with deep feeling.

A party of four bluejackets from the  
U.S.S. *Pennsylvania* had a fierce time in  
Ship Street this morning at about three  
o'clock. After doing a great deal of damage  
in a Chinese restaurant they got hold of a  
rickshaw and dispensed with the services of  
the coolie. One of the number got between  
the shafts, another rode and the others  
quailed. In the end they had the vehicle  
to pieces. They were later arrested and  
all the money they possessed between them  
was five cents.

There was a slight electric car accident  
this morning shortly after 10 o'clock. Car  
No. 31 was proceeding along near the Naval  
Yard gate when a Chinese conductor who  
was walking along the footboard caught his  
foot in some wooden framework being  
carried by a truck just overtaken. He was  
pulled off the car and fell to the ground,  
and when picked up it was found that he  
had been badly shaken and bruised,  
although apparently no bones were broken.  
After being medically treated at the Naval  
Yard surgery the sufferer was taken to  
hospital.

Admiral Moore tells a good story of a  
peppery old naval officer under whom he  
served many years ago. During some tacti-  
cal operations one of the ships of the  
squadron had made some bad blunders, and  
at length the Admiral completely lost his  
temper. He stormed about his quarter-deck  
and informed all near him of his opinion of  
the officer in command of the wrong ship.  
When he paused for want of breath he  
turned to the signaller and said to him,  
"And you can tell him that, sir!" The  
signaller turned his head to a midship-  
man standing near him and said, "I beg  
pardon, sir, but I don't think we have  
quite enough flag for your message."

## COUGHS ARE DANGEROUS.

More people would make a mistake  
in getting the cold from which they  
are suffering, as a result of the danger-  
ous weather, than they would be a devoted  
devotion to the number of cases of pneumonia.  
A few doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy  
will cure your cold and all danger of its  
developing into pneumonia, and, besides, the  
remedy is so pleasant that it can be given  
to all children and old people. For sale by  
all chemists and grocers.

## BRITISH POLITICAL

## WARFARE.

## CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, December 26.

A number of election speeches were  
delivered last night.

There will now be a cessation for a  
week.

The issue of the election writs has  
been postponed until January 10th.

The Unionists denounce the pos-  
tponement as a trick to enable the first  
polling to take place on a Saturday,  
which will be favourable to the Li-  
berals.

On the new register there are 92,000  
more voters than on the old.

Only three seats are uncontested by  
the Liberals. Fifteen are uncontested  
by the Unionists. There are numerous  
triangular contests in six constituencies  
the Unionists are divided.

Lord Milner addressed a noisy meet-  
ing at Cardiff. His Lordship's speech  
was subject to constant interruptions,  
the audience shouting as a chorus,  
"Damn the consequences."

Mr. Lloyd George, Chancellor of  
the Exchequer, travelled for twelve  
hours in west Wales. Crowds  
assembled at the stations through-  
out which he passed and demanded a  
speech. Decorations were everywhere  
displayed along the route. The  
Chancellor spoke in Welsh at  
Pwllheli, declaring that the time had  
come to settle once and for all with  
the feudal lords who were demanding  
that Great Britain should return to  
the dark ages, when even Russia and  
Turkey were winning their freedom.

## JAPAN'S MINISTER TO

## AMERICA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, December 25.

President Taft has received Mr.  
Uchida, the new Japanese Minister to  
Washington.

## CONTINENTAL RAIN

## DISASTER.

## TEN LIVES LOST.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, December 25.

The Prague-Vienna express came  
into collision with a goods train at  
Chotzen (Bohemia).

Ten persons were killed and 28  
injured.

## A GERMAN HONOUR.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, December 25.

A Berlin telegram states that the  
Kaiser has conferred the Order of the  
Red Eagle, Second Class, on Major-  
General Nakamura, serving in North  
China.

## DR. COOK.

## FURTHER HUMILIATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, December 25.

It is reported from New York that  
the committee of the Explorers' Club,  
which has been investigating Dr.  
Cook's claim that he climbed Mt.  
McKinley, has reported adversely.  
Dr. Cook has been expelled from  
the Club.

## FORMER HONGKONG

## DETECTIVE DEAD.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, December 26.

The death is announced of ex-  
Detective-Inspector Stanton, of the  
Hongkong Police.

(Note.—For falling to report a common  
gaming house in Wa Lane in 1897 several  
officers were dismissed from the Hongkong  
Police Force. Amongst the number was  
Detective Inspector Stanton.—E.C.M.)

## CHINESE NAVAL COM-

## MISSIONERS.

## MOVEMENTS IN ITALY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, December 25.

The Chinese Naval Commissioners  
have inspected the shipyards at Genoa.

London, December 26.

The members of the Commission are  
now at Rome.

London, December 27.

At Rome the Commissioners were  
received in audience by King Victor  
Emmanuel, with whom they afterwards  
dined.

## NO OPIUM IN CHAMBERLAIN'S

## COUGH REMEDY.

There is not a particle of opium in  
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is  
entirely free from any such dangerous  
poison. It has been used for years by  
the public. It is as safe as  
sugar for a child or an adult. For  
sale by all chemists and grocers.

## CHRISTMAS IN HONGKONG.

## HOW THE FESTIVE SEASON WAS CELEBRATED.

## THE CHURCHES AND THE HONGKONG SPORTS GROUND.

Bright and sunny weather prevailed in  
Hongkong all through the Christmas hol-  
iday; the sharp tang in the brisk air bring-  
ing the cheer to the cheeks and inducing  
brisk walking to keep the circulation at  
normal pitch. The festivities set in early  
on Friday, when a big Christmas Tree was  
stripped on the ground of the Civil Service  
Recreation Club, which was "at home"  
to its members and their children.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co. Ltd., held  
their annual staff dinner in the evening,  
covers being laid for over 40, and a most  
enjoyable time was spent.

At the Victoria Hospital Sir Henry May  
assumed the robes of Santa Claus and with  
the help of Lady May and their daughters  
and other friends helped to unload a big  
Christmas Tree.

The next evening the Manager of the  
Hongkong Hotel, Mr. A. F. Davies, and  
the Assistant Manager, Mr. J. H. Taggart,  
entertained a large company to dinner.

The Hongkong Police held their annual  
dinner on Christmas Eve at the City Hall,  
and like as in former years it was a huge  
success, over 300 guests availing them-  
selves of the generous hospitality of the  
guardians of our peace. St. George's Hall  
was the dancing room and here, as well as  
St. Andrew's Hall, where supper was  
served, and the grand abode the deco-  
rations were all in harmony with the asso-  
ciations of the season. Music was supplied by  
Machado's band. L. S. Cooper and P. O.  
Stewart were M.C.s and the programme  
comprised 24 dances, including five  
waltzes, Highland schottische, schottische,  
Calcuttians, two barn dances, two waltz  
cotillions, a Strathpey reel, two  
Grosvenor circles, two polkas, two lancers,  
two vales, and one military two-step.

The decoration committee, who are to be  
warmly congratulated on the outcome of  
their efforts, consisted of P. S. Wilson,  
P. S. Farr, P. S. Grant, L. S. Ogg, P. O.  
D. O. Cooke, P. O. Glendinning, and P. O.  
Mackenzie, P. S. Kendall, P. O. Spillit, and  
P. O. Ferguson were the Bar Committee,  
and L. S. Ogg while P. O. Bell looked after  
the card room; and P. S. Lee as secretary  
achieved a memorable success. The  
manifest enjoyment of all present was  
evident from start to finish.

Most of the Naval and mercantile vessels  
in harbour were decorated, with evergreens  
and bunting, and on Christmas night several  
of the war vessels were illuminated, creat-  
ing a beautiful sight.

His Lordship said it was an inspiring  
service because it commemorated a great  
historic fact and because all felt the fellow-  
ship there was amongst all who in spirit  
worshipped the Incarnate Lord. Fellowship  
here though perhaps strangers to one an-  
other, and fellowship with Christians  
throughout world as the rising sun awakes  
brethren and relatives under western skies  
to join the Herald angels' song. An old  
message, Matt. 1. 21. "Thou shalt call  
his name Jesus for he shall save his people  
from their sins." The name very important  
to a Jew. It was to express his office  
or his character. The Angel twice  
foretold the name of Mary's Son.  
The name not uncommon. In Old  
Testament form, Joshua, it meant Jehovah,  
Saviour, a reminder to us that Jesus not  
more our Saviour than the Heavenly Father.  
He needs no one to bend his love towards  
but Christ is the manifestation of God  
Himself as Saviour. The main work and  
the real mission of the Messiah to produce  
Christian character. A good Christian  
not only a good Church goes a reader of  
Bible or sayer of prayers, but a good man  
or a good woman. Sin the barrier to this  
formation of character. The need of our  
age's deepened sense of sin. The average  
man of the world thinks very little about sin  
hence his light-hearted indifference to reli-  
gion. It is the old story that to whole  
need not the physician. Christ came not to  
call the righteous but sinners to repentance.  
The Christmas Message is of the Advent of  
a Saviour. The Bishop concluded with an  
appeal for the Diocesan Girls' School and  
Orphanage, Bonham Road, where many  
European and Eurasian orphans are  
provided with a comfortable home and good  
education.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

A crowded congregation gathered for  
Morning Prayer at St. John's Cathedral  
on Christmas Day. The sacred Aus-

had been tastefully brought into the  
lovely decorated, white chrysanthe-  
mums and frosty palm-plant play-  
ing conspicuous parts in the scheme. The choir  
and clergy entered to the strains of the  
grand old Christmas hymn, "Hark," the  
hallowed angels sang. But the outstanding  
feature of the service was the magnificent  
rendering by the choir of Elgar's Te Deum  
in F. The anthem was "With all Thy  
Hosts" (Webb) and was brightly given by  
the choir under the direction of Mr. Davies,  
Fulmer, the organist. The preacher was  
the Bishop of Victoria, and as usual he  
spoke inspiringly and well.

IN UNION CHURCH ON Christmas morning  
evergreen furbished the decorations and  
the old old hymns were sung. The ser-  
vice was conducted by the Rev. Mr. H. H.  
Hickling. The hymn was "The Service was  
founded on Luke 2. 14, especially an  
appealing "Great Joy" to all  
the people. He said there is an old  
English carol which begins with the  
words—

"The world itself keeps Christmas Day  
And Christmas bells are ringing."

The carol sang true, that as thought  
whether we interpret "the world" as  
humanity or that part of it which rejects  
Jesus Christ as Lord.

It is true in the wisdom of its ages.  
The Kingdom of Jesus Christ has no  
frontier. Its mission is wide as the seas.  
Its benefactions are independent of na-  
tionality. Its benedictions



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